

INTRODUCTION

The Arthur Maass Papers focus on evolving government policies dealing with water resources and land conservation at the federal, state, and local levels. The collection reflects Dr. Maass' experiences as student, government official, and Harvard professor, with the majority of the materials covering the 1950s and 1960s.

The collection includes both public and private papers: government publications and reports, departmental memos and news releases, policy studies, scholarly essays, conservation newsletters, newspaper clippings, copies of Dr. Maass' published works, and his personal correspondence. The personal correspondence is so closely tied to the various studies, reports, and publications that the letters are incorporated into each folder's subject rather than gathered into a separate section.

Section I, Resources--General, contains material on the environment and conservation; each subsequent section is specific in its focus. The first subject area is Water Resources, Dr. Maass' primary concern. Subsections within Water Resources are national water policy, economic and hydrologic data and research, technology, specific purposes, legislation,

organization for water resources development, and water rights and water law.

The third section, Land and Agricultural Resources, includes the subsections of basic data, farm conservation programs and policies, general agricultural policy, forestry, and public lands and grazing. This is followed by shorter sections on Mineral Resources; Solar, Wind, Air, and Ocean Resources; Recreation; Public Works Policies; Pressure Groups and Organizations; and Economic Politics.

The next portion of the papers consists of two courses taught by Dr. Maass: one on government and conservation and the other on planning. Both include his handwritten lecture notes.

The courses are followed by documents relating to a number of Dr. Maass' published works, as well as copies of most of those works. Articles not in this section can be found with the appropriate topics in earlier sections. A copy of Dr. Maass' doctoral dissertation also is included.

The Area Files form the final section of the Maass Papers. They cover the same natural resources topics as were found in the earlier sections but are divided into geographical units, such as New England, Middle Atlantic, and Lower Mississippi.

The descriptive inventory is organized by folder according to topics within each of the main sections mentioned above. If certain documents are either too large or too important to be included with the rest of the papers on a certain topic, they are to be found in separate folders immediately following the folder (or folders) for the main topic. Within the folders, documents are organized chronologically with undated material at the back of each folder.